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2. Wismar. The Matthias-Thesen shipyard at Wismar employs 7,000 hands. It is engaged on a program of building ocean-going steamships.
3. Rostock-Marienehe. A pier 100 meters long is being built in the blasted-out area of the former airfield, and a large turning basin 16 meters deep is being excavated. The whole is intended as a turning basin for submarines. The excavations are lined with concrete as soon as they are made.
4. Gehlsdorf. Extensive work in preparation for building a quay is being carried out at the Gehlsdorf shipyard. About 500 men are busy leveling and grading the land, with a slope of 1:10 to the water. The quay will be 180 meters long; 80 meters are to be completed by September 1952. A landing stage 150 meters long and 15 meters wide also is to be built. Another slip, for making repairs to small steamers, trawlers, etc., has been completed. The Gehlsdorf shipyard has in production three fire boats and a 24 meter cutter equipped for ocean hydrographic service. It is also building motor salvage vessels for the Republic of Czechoslovakia. The keel has been laid for a 150 square meter sea-going yacht. (sic)

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5. Rostock-Neptunwerft. Construction work on the freighter at the Neptun yard is going slowly because of material shortages. The scheduled launching date probably will not be met. The hull is finished up to the height of the main deck as is also the bore for the propeller-shaft. The 1952 program includes the general overhauling of 22 motor boats. There are seven boats in the yard now, but they will not be ready for some time. The yard has been unable to spare the floating crane that was to have been moved to Rostock at the beginning of the year. It is needed for the work on the Waldemar Kophamel. The tanker [] has been lying at the yard for some time. There is a great shortage of materials for building drifters; completion of this work always is pushed further into the future.
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6. Rostock Port. Loading of briquettes for Sweden goes on continuously. Along with it goes the smuggling of raw coffee and cigarettes by the million. For the price of 1,000 East marks Swedish sailors are ready to take political fugitives back to Sweden with them. Part of the money goes to the Volkspolizei in Warnemuende as hush money. From 5 March to 8 March 1952, five Soviet Union freighters, were loaded with mixed goods and machinery, chiefly turbines and airplane parts. The following USSR naval vessels are lying at Rostock: [] There are also five USSR motor torpedo boats in the harbor.
7. Rostock. Reconstruction work on the Ulmen barracks is being rushed. Temporarily, a Soviet Union naval unit of about 400 men is stationed there; also Seopolizei.

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